



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** RLH TA 21-352, **Version:** 2

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Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 735 SIMON AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A3, Assessment No. 210108)

**Date of LH:** 7/22/2021; 7/29/2021

**Time of LH:** 9:00 AM

**Date of CPH:** 8/25/2021

**Postcard Returned by:** Laura Spiel

**Cost:** \$63.10

**Hauling Service(s) Provided:** Unpaid garbage bill; 2021 Jan-March Service Period

**Type of Order/Fee:** Trash Hauling

**Billing Time Period:** 1st Quarter of 2021 (Jan 1 - March 31)

**Invoice Date(s):** Jan 1 - March 31

**Garbage Hauler:** Advanced Disposal

**Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:**

**Stated Reason for Appeal (if given):** I paid my bill via check/mail on 7/14/2021 for \$59.22 to Advanced Disposal. I am low income and have applied for Disability. My small trash container is rarely full. I have every other week pick-up and usually only have 2 small plastic grocery bags of trash every other week. I am begging for a reduced rate and financial help. You have failed to help me with this matter. I had to use money I receive from the county to pay this bill. Money I would have use for personal hygiene products/HH items. I will be informing the better business bureau of your failure to help low income residents, to help other residents stay in their homes, and especially during a pandemic.

**Staff Comments:** Hauler records show that there was one payment made during Quarter 1 2021 to the account on 3/16/2021 for \$5.00. Hauler records do show that the property owner did send a note that was received on 6/16/2021 stating that she was having financial difficulties and needed the hauler to lower the bill. However, this was not possible as the property owner was already at the lowest level of service. Therefore staff recommends approving the assessment.

WHEREAS, the Office of Financial Services Real Estate Section has attached to this Council File both a report of completion outlining the costs and fees associated with Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021. (File No. CG2102A4, Assessment No. 210109) and the assessment roll including all properties for which these assessments are proposed for Council ratification; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Legislative Hearing Officer has reviewed an appeal of this assessment and developed a recommendation for the City Council with respect to this assessment; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been conducted for the above improvement, and said assessment having been further considered by the Council and having been considered financially satisfactory; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Saint Paul City Charter, said assessment is hereby ratified and payable in one installment.

